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(SPY SATELLITE)

WASHINGTON (UPI) - A FEDERAL GRAND JURY TODAY INDICTED A FORMER CIA OFFICER ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES, ACCUSING HIM OF TURNING OVER A TOP-SECRET U.S. DOCUMENT TO A SOVIET AGENT IN ATHENS, GREECE.

THE SUSPECT, WILLIAM PETER KAMPILES, 23, MUNSTER, IND., WAS ARRESTED IN CHICAGO LAST WEEK. HE WAS INDICTED ON SIX COUNTS, INCLUDING TWO MAJOR ESPIONAGE CHARGES THAT CARRY MAXIMUM PENALTIES OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

THE WASHINGTON POST HAS REPORTED THAT KAMPILES SOLD THE SOVIETS A TECHNICAL MANUAL DESCRIBING THE "BIG BIRD" PHOTOGRAPHIC SATELLITE THAT SPIES ON THE SOVIET UNION FROM EARTH ORBIT.

THE INDICTMENT, RETURNED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN HAMMOND, IND., IDENTIFIES THE STOLEN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ONLY AS A DOCUMENT ENTITLED "KH-11 SYSTEM TECHNICAL MANUAL."

IT SAYS KAMPILES DELIVERED SECTION ONE OF THE MANUAL TO A SOVIET AGENT IN ATHENS LAST FEB. 23 "WITH INTENT AND REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IT WAS TO BE USED TO THE INJURY OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE ADVANTAGE OF A FOREIGN NATION."

ON MARCH 2, THE INDICTMENT CHARGES, KAMPILES TURNED OVER SECTIONS TWO THROUGH EIGHT OF THE MANUAL TO THE SOVIET AGENT.

BESIDES THE MAJOR ESPIONAGE COUNTS, KAMPILES IS ACCUSED OF TWO OTHER ESPIONAGE COUNTS AND TWO CHARGES OF STEALING GOVERNMENT PROPERTY - EACH CARRYING MAXIMUM PENALTIES OF 10 YEARS IN PRISON AND A \$10,000 FINE.

THE FBI, WHICH LODGED INFORMAL CHARGES AGAINST KAMPILES UPON HIS ARREST LAST WEEK, ALLEGES THAT HE SOLD THE DOCUMENTS FOR \$3,000.

THE "BIG BIRD" INTELLIGENCE SATELLITE IS LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OLD, BUT THE UNITED STATES HAS PUT MORE THAN A DOZEN OF THE 12-TON UNITS IN ORBIT TO PHOTOGRAPH SOVIET MISSILE SILOS, SUBMARINE BASES, NAVAL INSTALLATIONS, AIRFIELDS AND TROOP MOVEMENTS, THE POST REPORTED.

IT SAID PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE SATELLITE ARE SO PRECISE THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS CAN DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND MILITARY UNIFORMS AND CAN READ THE LICENSE PLATES ON AUTOMOBILES.

GOVERNMENT SOURCES WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THE ALLEGED ESPIONAGE ACT HAS DONE THE UNITED STATES "IRREPARABLE HARM."